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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

I refer to the statement in your friend's letter regarding  
"the news of August 6 from Vienna that the Russians are stationing  
in Hungary and Czechoslovakia -- where so far no Soviet troops were  
stationed -- the Russian troops withdrawn from Austria. \* \* \*"

We do not know to what report of August 6 your friend refers.  
We have seen no such report.

We have no information that the Soviet forces now in Austria  
will be deployed to Hungary or Czechoslovakia. According to Marshal  
Zhukov's order of 31 July, such forces are to be withdrawn to the  
USSR. Approximately one third of the Soviet ground forces in Austria  
have already departed by a route indicating a move back to the USSR.

It is of course possible that some of them may be redeployed  
for a time in Hungary, but there is no hard information to this effect.  
It is also possible that some of the Soviet equipment now in Austria,  
including jet fighter units, might be redeployed to Czechoslovakia,  
and we have some unconfirmed reports to this effect.

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Director

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